

alternatively, by pressing a known combination of keypad buttons. The distress signal (101) is transmitted by the telephone (50).

Figure 2 shows a diagram of a service for alerting a mobile phone user of a bad connection. Central office or intermediate digital call station (300) receives a distress signal (101) from party 1 (51) and generates a fresh distress signal (102) for the second party (52). Party 2 (52) indicates the bad connection status using an audio recording (200) stored or generated in telephone (52). Optionally, and alternatively, a visual or vibratory indication is made.

Although illustrative embodiments of the invention have been described herein, it is to be understood that modifications and variations thereof may occur to one having ordinary skill in the relevant art. The invention should therefore be considered to include all such modifications and variations within the fair spirit and scope of the invention.